

### --- “Series of 1883” - Five Pounds - Black - COUPON Stamp ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, March 2003 reports that the five pound stamp was not added to the “1883” coupon stamps until 1888. Thus there were no *block wmkd* five pound coupon stamps.

Purely as an aside it can be noted, that there are no 5 pound, 35 pound or 100 pound 1883 Coupon stamps that carry the 5 mm. *Gothic violet control numbering*. The 5 pound stamp dates from 1888, while the other two date from 1885. This pretty well positions the *violet control numbered* stamps in the 1883-84 era. I feel that these stamps were either prepared for a philatelic exhibition in 1884, or were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists. At that time it was illegal to possess unused ‘genuine’ tax-paid stamps.

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The catalogue lists the recess printed five pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

**RM-251** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,  
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188\_** stub

**RM-252** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 5 mm. blue controls,  
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **189\_** stub ( printed by rotary press?)

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<b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)	John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 40,760 copies of “5 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> (1892-1897)	John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 80,240 copies of “5 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press
<b>5th ABN Supplement</b> (1897-1898)	John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 80,000 copies of “5 lb. Black Coupon” 43,750 by hand press + 36,250 by rotary press

These latter stamps, actually printed under the **5th BABN Contract**, had remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

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### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 5 pound black Coupon stamp ---

<b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)	40,760	<b>000001 to 040760</b>
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> (1892-1897)	80,240	<b>040761 to 121000</b>
<b>5th BABN Supplement</b> (1897-1898)	<u>80,000</u>	<b>121001 to 201000</b>
	201,000	

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### --- The “actual” control number range on the 5 pound black Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

5 pounds, black, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - with 4 mm. controls	- <b>019258</b> a single copy
5 pounds, black, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - with 5 mm. controls	- <b>101470</b> to <b>182168</b>

BABN transferred production from Ottawa to Montreal in 1874, and did not return to Ottawa until 1887, thus the initial 5 pound copies ‘delivered’ (bearing 4 mm. Montreal applied control numbers) were **RM-251**.

Throughout the “Coupon Stamp” section, I have used CWC as an abbreviation for “Complete with Coupons”, and CWCS to abbreviate “Complete with Coupons and Stub”. I have also omitted adding “TPs” and “CPs” to the listing. These exist in most cases, and can be so noted if and when collected.

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--- RM-251 - Five Pound - “Series of 1883” - Black - 4th BABN Contract - 1888-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* thick wove - perf 12 - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



The catalogue lists the recess printed five pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-251 - 5 pound, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,  
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188\_** stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 5 pound black Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)

40,760

**000001** to **040760**



★RM-251 - 5 pound, black, perf 12, CWC, control number **019258**, delivered under the 4th BABN Contract,  
Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* vertical mesh thick wove - with nine ½ pound coupons

**019258** ★

RM-251

5 pound, black, perf 12, CWC, recess printed in Montreal  
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove

--- RM-252 - Five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* thick wove - perf 12 - with 5 mm. controls ---

--- 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons and an 189\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

BABN returned production to Ottawa from Montreal in 1887, thus the later 5 pound black COUPON stamps ‘delivered’ (bearing 5 mm. Ottawa applied control numbers) were **RM-252**.

The catalogue lists this recess printed five pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

**RM-252** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 5 mm. blue controls,  
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 5 pound black Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)

80,240

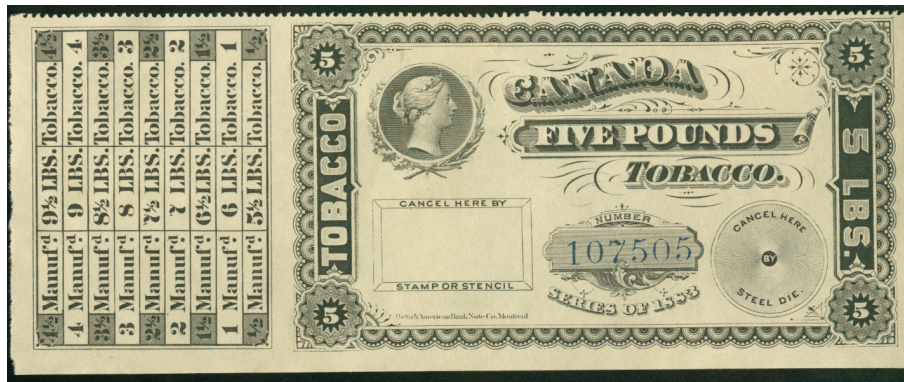
**040761** to **121000**



★**RM-252 CP** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, CWCS, with 5 mm. control number **107507**,  
Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with nine ½ pound coupons  
With the 189\_ stub - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - scanned at 70% scale

<b>101470</b>	RM-252 SP	5 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled <b>TOBACCO / A-20</b> by the tobacco merchant “C. T. Bates & Co.”, Ottawa
<b>107504</b>	RM-252 CP	5 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
<b>107505</b> ★	RM-252	5 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
<b>107507</b>	RM-252 CP	5 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove, 189_ stub
<b>107999</b>	RM-252	5 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove, 189_ stub





★ **RM-252** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, CWC, with 5 mm. control number **107505** - 5th BABN Contract,  
Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove - with nine ½ pound coupons



**RM-252 SP** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, clipped at 9½ pounds, with 5 mm. control number **101470** - 5th BABN Contract,  
Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove - with nine ½ pound coupons  
Rolled **TOBACCO / A-20** by tobacco merchant "C. T. Bates & Co., Ottawa" - *from the collection of Fritz Angst*

--- RM-251 - Five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 5th ABN Supplement - 1897-98 ---

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* poor quality wove - with 5 mm. controls ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons and an 189\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists this recess printed five pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

**RM-252** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 5 mm. blue controls,  
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 5 pound black Coupon stamp ---

5th ABN Supplement (1897-1898) 80,000

121001 to 201000



★**RM-252** - 5 pound, black, perf 12, clipped at 7 pounds, with 5 mm. control number **182168**,  
Recess printed on *unwmkd* vertical mesh poor quality wove,  
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-30** by “J. E. Tuckett”, Hamilton, Ontario

<b>136271</b>	RM-252	5 pound, black, perf 12, clipped at 7 pounds, recess printed on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove, rolled <b>TOBACCO / 1-30</b>
<b>136275</b>	RM-252	5 pound, black, perf 12, clipped at 7 pounds, recess printed on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove, rolled <b>TOBACCO / 1-30</b>
<b>182168</b> ★	RM-252	5 pound, black, perf 12, clipped at 7 pounds, recess printed on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove, rolled <b>TOBACCO / 1-30</b>

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